

# Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation

## Current Situation Report for August 19, 2020

| Delaware Agricultural Statistics<br>490,000 acres in Farms (39% of State Land Area) |            |               |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Agricultural Preservation Districts   |            |               |
|   | Farms      | Acres         |
| Approved  | 317        | 37,343        |
| Pending   | 12         | 856           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>329</b> | <b>38,199</b> |
| <b>Terminations</b>   | <b>106</b> | <b>23,959</b> |

| Kent County Districts |            |               |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------|
| District/Expansions   | Farms      | Acres         |
| Approved              | 127        | 15,771        |
| Pending               | 6          | 472           |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>133</b> | <b>16,243</b> |
| <b>Terminations</b>   | <b>42</b>  | <b>10,678</b> |

| New Castle County Districts |           |              |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| District/Expansions         | Farms     | Acres        |
| Approved                    | 23        | 3,536        |
| Pending                     | 0         | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>23</b> | <b>3,536</b> |
| <b>Terminations</b>         | <b>7</b>  | <b>2,896</b> |

| Sussex County Districts |            |               |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|
| District/Expansions     | Farms      | Acres         |
| Approved                | 167        | 18,036        |
| Pending                 | 6          | 384           |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>173</b> | <b>18,420</b> |
| <b>Terminations</b>     | <b>57</b>  | <b>10,385</b> |

| Agricultural Easements   |              |                |                      |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
|                          | Farms        | Acres          | Cost                 |
| <b>Settlements Final</b> | <b>943</b>   | <b>127,938</b> | <b>\$224,822,100</b> |
| <b>Pending Round 22</b>  | <b>1</b>     | <b>65</b>      | <b>\$83,194</b>      |
| <b>Pending Round 23</b>  | <b>58</b>    | <b>5,826</b>   | <b>\$9,899,495</b>   |
| <b>Pending Round 24</b>  | <b>63</b>    | <b>5,299</b>   | <b>\$10,332,253</b>  |
| <b>Totals</b>            | <b>1,065</b> | <b>139,128</b> | <b>\$245,137,042</b> |

| Averages of Easements    |           |                |                |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| No. Easements            | All 1,065 | Last 5yrs- 257 | Last 3yrs- 209 |
| <b>*Discount</b>         | *59%      | *68%           | *67%           |
| <b>Farm Size</b>         | 131 acres | 90 acres       | 86 acres       |
| <b>Payment Landowner</b> | \$229,736 | \$144,379      | \$145,660      |
| <b>Cost Per Acre</b>     | \$1,759   | \$1,600        | \$1,692        |

| Agricultural Easements by County |              |                |                      | Easement Land Use |                |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| County                           | Farms        | Acres          | Cost                 | Type              | Acres          | %          |
| Kent                             | 505          | 70,600         | \$104,016,998        | Cropland          | 88,942         | 64         |
| New Castle                       | 105          | 14,664         | \$ 37,687,975        | Forestland        | 37,913         | 27         |
| Sussex                           | 455          | 53,864         | \$103,432,069        | Wetland/Other     | 12,273         | 9          |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>1,065</b> | <b>139,128</b> | <b>\$245,137,042</b> | <b>Total</b>      | <b>139,128</b> | <b>100</b> |

\*Note: Avg. % includes County Funds

**Funding for 1,065 Easements**

- \* State Funds- \$166,614,846
- \* USDA Funds- \$ 59,667,725
- \* County Funds- \$ 14,993,759
- \* ISTEA Funds- \$ 1,250,000
- \* Other Funds- \$ 2,610,713
- \*Est. Total Funds \$ 245,137,043**
- \*Landowner Disco \$ 349,823,541**
- \*Est. Total Value \$ 594,960,584**
- \*Est. Closing Costs \$5,600,000

| Total Number of Properties – Eligible for Round 24 Appraisal |            |               | Total Number of Properties Appraised in Round 24 |               | District Applications Received in 2020 |              |
|--|------------|---------------|--|---------------|--|--------------|
| County   | Farms      | Acres         | #  | Acres         | #                                      | Acres        |
| Kent   | 112        | 12,974        | 63   | 5,440         | 9                                      | 631          |
| New Castle   | 23         | 3,075         | 13   | 815           | 0                                      | 0            |
| Sussex   | 184        | 19,656        | 114  | 11,948        | 14                                     | 992          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>330</b> | <b>37,705</b> | <b>190</b>                                       | <b>18,202</b> | <b>23</b>                              | <b>1,623</b> |

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**Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation**  
**Forestland Current Situation Report**  
**As of August 19, 2020**

| Forestland Preservation Areas |           |              | Forestland Applications Received in 2019 |          |            |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--|----------|------------|
|                               | #         | Acres        | County                                   | #        | Acres      |
| Approved                      | 50        | 4,313        | Kent                                     | 2        | 68         |
| Pending                       | 0         | 0            | New Castle                               |          |            |
| Withdrawn                     | 2         | 50           | Sussex                                   | 4        | 568        |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>50</b> | <b>4,313</b> | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>6</b> | <b>636</b> |
| <b>Not in Easement</b>        | <b>23</b> | <b>1,880</b> |  |          |            |

| New Castle County Areas |            |           |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                         | Properties | Acres     |
| Approved                | 1          | 43        |
| Pending                 | 0          | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>1</b>   | <b>43</b> |

| Kent County Areas |            |              |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|
|                   | Properties | Acres        |
| Approved          | 23         | 1,377        |
| Pending           | 0          | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>23</b>  | <b>1,377</b> |

| Sussex County Areas |            |              |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|
|                     | Properties | Acres        |
| Approved            | 26         | 2,843        |
| Pending             | 0          | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>26</b>  | <b>2,843</b> |

| Forestland Preservation Areas |            |              |                    |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|
| County                        | Properties | Acres        | Easement Value     |
| Kent                          | 6          | 452          | \$676,191          |
| Sussex                        | 7          | 519          | \$844,078          |
| Pending                       | 3          | 229          | \$165,215          |
| <b>Settlements Final</b>      | <b>16</b>  | <b>1,200</b> | <b>\$1,685,484</b> |
| <b>Farmland Easement</b>      | <b>15</b>  | <b>1,365</b> |                    |

**Source of Funds 14 Easements**

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| State -                  | \$ 1,273,081        |
| Nature Conservancy-      | \$ 412,403          |
| Total of Costs           | \$ 1,685,484        |
| Landowner Discount-      | \$ 3,142,439        |
| <b>Grand Total Value</b> | <b>\$ 4,827,923</b> |
| Est.Settlement Costs     | \$ 60,000           |

**Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Programs Grand Totals of all Easements**

| Programs  | Properties   | Acres          | Easement Cost        |
|---|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Forestland Preservation Area Easements              | 16           | 1,200          | \$1,564,038          |
| Farmland Preservation Easements                     | 1,065        | 139,128        | \$245,137,042        |
| <b>Total of Forestland &amp; Farmland Easements</b> | <b>1,081</b> | <b>140,328</b> | <b>\$246,822,526</b> |
| Total of Forestland & Farmland Landowner Discount   |              |                | \$352,965,980        |
| <b>Grand Total Value</b>                            |              |                | <b>\$599,788,506</b> |

**Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Young Farmers Loan Program**

| Settled Loans                            | Total Acres w/o Residential |                                   | Appraised Easement Value                   | Announced Farmer Loan Amount  | Actual Farmer Loan                     |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>36</b>                                | <b>2,802</b>                | <b>Acres</b><br>2128<br>662<br>12 | <b>Type</b><br>Cropland<br>Forest<br>Other | \$12,644,304  | \$8,630,719                            |
| # Prequalification Applications Received | # Approved                  | # Waiting for Review              | # Denied or No Longer Qualify              | <b>Settlement Costs Total Cost</b>  | <b>\$199,259</b><br><b>\$8,448,703</b> |
| 114                                      | 96                          | 0                                 | 18   | <b>Young Farmer Loan Applications:</b><br>Round 9 – 2 approved applications (120 acres) |  |